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SUBJ: REPORT TO SYG BY UN PALESTINE CONCILIATION COMMISSION

REF: STATE 179614 OF OCTO ER 2, 1972

1. THE FOLLOWING TEXT HAS BEEN PROPOSED FOR PALESTINE CONCILIATION COMMISSION'S REPORT TO UN SECRETARY GENERAL:

REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONCILIATION COMMISSION FOR PALESTINE

1. IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF RESOLUTION 2963 A (XXVII) OF 13 DECEMBER 1972, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY NOTED WITH REGRET THAT THE UNITED NATIONS CONCILIATION COMMISSION FOR PALESTINE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO FIND A MEANS OF ACHIEVING PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PARAGRAPH 11 OF ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 194 (III), AND REQUESTED THE COMMISSION TO EXERT CONTINUED EFFORTS TOWARDS THE IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF AND TO REPORT THEREON TO THE ASSEMBLY AS APPROPRIATE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BUT NOT LATER THAN 1 OCTOBER 1973. THE PRESENT REPORT IS

SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO THAT REQUEST.

- 2. IN ITS TWENTY-FOURTH 1/ AND TWENTY-FIFTH 2/ REPORTS, COVERING THE PERIODS FROM 24 DECEMBER 1965 TO 30 SEPT 1966 AND FROM 1 OCTOBER 1966 TO 30 SEPT 1967, THE COMMISSION RESPONDED TO EARLIER REQUESTS BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN ITS RESOLUTIONS 2052 (XX) AND 2154 (XXI) IN CONNEXION WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PARAGRAPH 11 OF RESOLUTION 194 (III). IN THOSE REPORTS THE COMMISSION NOTED THAT EXAMINATION OF VARIOUS WAYS IN WHICH IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO INTENSIFY ITS EFFORTS WITH ANY PROSPECT OF ADVANCING MATTERS TOWARDS THE IMPELEMENTATION OF PARAGRAPH 11 OF RESOLUTION 194 (III) HAD COMPELLED THE CONCLUSION THAT ALL THE WAYS ENVISAGED PRESUPPOSED SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES IN THE SITUATION. FAR FROM THERE HAVING BEEN ANY EVIDENCE OF SUCH CHANGES, THE EVENTS WHICH HAD OCCURRED IN 1967 HAD FURTHER COMPLICATED AN ALREADY VERY COMPLEX PROBLEM.
- 3. DURING THE COURSE OF THE LAST YEAR, IN RESPONSE TO FORMAL REQUESTS FROM INTERESTED PARTIES, AND AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE LEGAL COUNSEL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE COMMISSION DECIDED THAT THESE INTERESTED PARTIES COULD HAVE ACCESS TO CERTAIN DOCUMENTS3/ OF THE COMMISSION WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE RECIPIENT GOVERNMENTS WILL CONTINUE TO TREAT VALUATION FIGURES CONTAINED THEREIN ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS. COPIES OF SUCH DOCUMENTS WILL BE FURNISHED ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT ANY EXPENSES SHALL BE BORN BY THE DELEGATION (S) CONCERNED.
- 4. ALTHOUGH VARIOUS OTHER DEVELOPMENTS HAVE TAKEN PLACE SINCE THE SUBMISSION OF THE COMMISSION'S LAST REPORT, THE SITUATION DESCRIBED IN THAT REPORT REMAINS ESSENTIALLY UNCHANGED AS REGARDS THE CIRCUMSTANCES GOVERNING THE POSSIBILITIES OPEN TO THE COMMISSION. THE COMMISSION, WHILE REGRETTING THAT IT HAS NOT BEEN IN A POSITION TO CARRY FORWARD ITS WORK, NEVERTHELESS REMAINS DETERMINED TO RESUME ITS ENDEAVOURS AS SOON AS THIS IS POSSIBLE. IT WISHES TO NOTE THAT ITS ABILITY TO DO SO WILL DEPEND NOT ONLY ON AN AMELIORATION OF THE SITUATION BUT ALSO ON THE WILLINGNESS OF THE PARTIES TO CO-OPERATE WITH IT.

1/ OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TWENTY-FIRST SESSION, AGENDA ITEM 32, DOCUMENT A/6451. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MANDATORY GOVERNMENT;

2/ IBID., TWENTY-SECOND SESSION, ANNEXES, AGENDA ITEM 34, DOCUMENT A/6846.
3/ (A) MICROFILMS OF LAND REGISTERS RECEIVED FROM THE

(B) RP-1 FORMS (IDENTIFICATION OF PROPERTY PARCELS INCLUDING INDIVIDUAL VALUATION FIGURES);

(C) INDEX OF OWNERS' NAMES (WHICH PROVIDES MEANS OF DIRECT REFERENCE TO THE HOLDINGS RECORDED IN THE NAME OF EACH

OWNER).

- 2. COMMENT: PARAGRAPHS 1, 2 AND 4 ARE VERBATIM FROM REPORT SUBMITTED IN SEPTEMBER 1972 EXCEPT NECESSARY CHANGES OF DATES AND DOCUMENT REFERENCE NUMBERS. THIRD PARAGRAPH WAS DRAFTED BY MISSION, ADHERING CLOSELY TO LANGUAGE OF COMMISSION CHAIRMAN'S (US AMBASSADOR PHILLIPS) LETTER OF DECEMBER 6, 1972, TO INTERESTED ARAB STATES.
- 3. ACTING PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF COMMISSION RECALLED ARAB UNHAPPINESS LAST YEAR OVER FINAL SENTENCE OF FOURTH PARAGRAPH AND SUGGESTED IT BE ELIMINATED. HOWEVER, WE FEEL STRONG FRENCH INTEREST IN RETAINING LANGUAGE LAST YEAR WILL APPLY AGAIN THIS YEAR (FRENCH MISSION HAS NOT RPT NOT YET COMMENTED ON PROPOSED TEXT). TURKISH MISSION SUGGESTS PLACING PERIOD AFTER WORDS "OF THE SITUATION" AND DROPPING OF REMAINDER OF SENTENCE, ALSO ELIMINATING WORDS "NOT ONLY" EARLIER IN SENTENCE.
- 4. ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL OF PROPOSED TEXT AS AMENDED BY TURKISH SUGGESTION, BUT ACCEPTANCE OF FULL TEXT IF FRENCH FEEL STRONGLY ABOUT RETAINING ORIGINAL LANGUAGE. APPRECIATE REPLY SOONEST AS REPORT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED OCTOBER 1. SCALI

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